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LOS ANGELES

The William S. Middleton Award, the Veterans Administration's highest honor for medical research, has been presented to Dr. Lucien B. Guze and Dr. George M. Kalmanson of the Veterans Administration Center in Los Angeles.

Drs. Guze and Kalmanson have isolated a bacterial form, protoplast, from animals with pyelonephritis. The presence of this bacterial form offers an explanation for the unaccounted persistence and progression of kidney infections in the absence of the usual bacterial.

SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento Medical Society has announced the following list of officers for 1966: President, Dr. Orrin S. Cook, succeeding Dr. Donald P. Hause; president-elect, Dr. James W. Martin; secretary, Dr. Pierce A. Rooney, Jr.; treasurer, Dr. James O. Farley.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Abraham M. Rudolph has been appointed Professor of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco. The appointment becomes effective 1 July. Since 1960 Dr. Rudolph has been Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Professor of Physiology and Director of Pediatric Cardiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York.

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Dr. William F. Hoyt, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine, University of California San Francisco Medical Center, is the recipient of an award given by the Heed Ophthalmic Foundation. Presentation was made at the annual convention of the Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology held recently in Chicago. Dr. Hoyt was selected because of his contributions to teaching and research in 1965.

The Heed Ophthalmic Foundation is a private foundation that has supported fellowships in ophthalmology since the late 1940's.

SANTA BARBARA

The American College of Physicians will hold a regional meeting for internal medicine specialists in Southern California, in Santa Barbara, 18, 19 and 20 February.

The three-day scientific meeting will be held at the Biltmore Hotel. It will consist of scientific presentations, informal luncheons and an evening banquet Saturday.

Guests will include Dr. Irving S. Wright, New York, ACP president-elect and professor of Clinical Medicine at Cornell Medical College, who will address the internists 19 February on "The Modern Treatment of Stroke"; Dr. Edward C. Rosenow, Philadelphia, ACP executive director, and Dr. George C. Griffith, Los Angeles, ACP regent and emeritus professor of Medicine, University of Southern California.

The meeting is under the direction of Dr. W. Philip Corr, Sr., ACP governor for Southern California and clinical professor of medicine, Loma Linda University. Dr. Edward W. Boland, Los Angeles, is general chairman, and Drs. J. Edward Berk, Los Angeles, and Thurman K. Hill, Santa Barbara, are chairmen of the program and local arrangements committees, respectively.

A recall of a half million disposable hypodermic needles, down to the physician and user level, was announced recently by Commissioner James L. Goddard of the Food and Drug Administration.

Physicians, clinics and hospitals are warned not to use "Jintan Hyposterile Disposable Needles" or "Jintan Hyposterile Disposable Blood Needles" distributed by the Hypo Surgical Supply Corporation of New York City.

Dr. Goddard said that 13 of the 49 samples examined contained nonsterile needles. Other lots were found containing packages in which the sealing had come loose, exposing them to airborne contamination.

Nonsterility of the needles was reported in December 1965 by the New York City Health Department and the New Jersey State Health Department. Data from FDA's sterility test confirmed the findings.

Hypo Surgical Supply has sent telegrams to all of its jobbers and wholesalers requesting the recall of the needles down to the user level. The needles have been distributed throughout the country.

SANTA CLARA

Dr. Malcolm M. Merrill has received the first Palo Alto Medical Research Foundation \$5,000 Public Health Service Award.

Dr. Merrill, formerly California State Director of Public Health, is now chief of Health Services in the Office of Technical Cooperation and Research in the United States Department of State.

The Foundation's Public Health Service Award was established by a \$5,000 gift to the Foundation by an anonymous donor. The gift was made with the stipulation that it be used, "to encourage outstanding and dedicated service in the field of public health in California by making an honorary cash award to a doctor who has distinguished himself in this important field of medicine."

GENERAL

Opening of a contest among physicians to deliver a memorial lecture dedicated to the late Harold G. Wolff, M.D., Cornell neurologist, was announced recently by Dr. Donald J. Dalessio of La Jolla, on behalf of the American Association for the Study of Headache.

Dr. Dalessio, editor of *Headache*, the association's journal, said that the winning entry will receive an award of \$1,000, and will be selected on the basis of reflecting most closely "the pioneering spirit in which Dr. Wolff approached basic and clinical research on pain and headache."

The award, which is to be made annually hereafter, will be for the "best original paper on headache, head pain, or on the nature of pain itself." The paper may be concerned with basic research, clinical studies, or both. All physicians, including those in training as fellows or residents, are eligible.

Author of the winning paper will be invited to read his paper at the annual meeting of the Association which this year will be held in Chicago on 25 June. The deadline for submission of papers is 15 May. They should be mailed in duplicate to Dr. Dalessio at 8878 Nottingham, La Jolla, Calif. Nonwinning papers may be published in *Headache*, or authors may be asked to deliver them at the annual meeting.